To: Mahmud, Shahid[Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov]

From: Roy, Stephen

**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 7:05:24 PM

Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Hi, Shahid!

Please add Krista McKim to the NMT mailing list – she says she is not yet receiving your emails.

Thanks!

Steve

From: McKim, Krista

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:11 PM

To: Roy, Stephen

Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Actually no. I did not receive any notice of this because I'm STILL not on shahid's list

From: Setnicar, Mary

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:09 PM

To: Roy, Stephen Cc: McKim, Krista

Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Yup, me too

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From: Roy, Stephen

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:08 PM

To: Setnicar, Mary Cc: McKim, Krista

Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Hi, Mary,

It's Krista McKim. We received notice of this through the National Mining Team mailing list. Very interesting action.

I find it interesting that Susan didn't send her request to the R5 Mining Team .....

Steve

From: Setnicar, Mary

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:00 PM

To: Roy, Stephen

Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Hi, Steve: I forget who the new contact is for the mining workgroup, but could you please send this on to her in case she hasn't already seen it? thanks in advance

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From: Victorine, Gary

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:57 AM

To: Cisneros, Jose; Klevs, Mardi; Garl, Jerri-Anne; Melcer, Allen; Cunningham, Michael;

Morris, Julie; Setnicar, Mary **Cc:** Guerriero, Margaret

Subject: Fwd: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Please see question from Susan, get back to me and Jean asap. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hedman, Susan" < hedman.susan@epa.gov>

Date: August 12, 2015 at 11:50:41 AM CDT

To: "Karl, Richard" < karl.richard@epa.gov >, "Guerriero, Margaret"

<guerriero.margaret@epa.gov>, "Henry, Timothy" < henry.timothy@epa.gov>, "Victorine,"

Gary" <victorine.gary@epa.gov>

Cc: "Kaplan, Robert" < kaplan.robert@epa.gov>

**Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments** 

Please advise *asap* as to whether we are doing any field investigation work at mines or tailings facilities in Region 5. Also, do we have any sites that have any similarities to the Gold King Mine site in Colorado?

From Administrator/Ex. 6 thy, Gina

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:51 AM

To: Blumenfeld, Jared; Curry, Ron; Enck, Judith; Garvin, Shawn; Hague, Mark; Hedman,

Susan; McGrath, Shaun; McLerran, Dennis; McTeerToney, Heather; Spalding, Curt

Cc: Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy

**Subject:** Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may

be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.
If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.
Thank you.